MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No.

11(A)(8)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro

DATE:

March 20, 2007

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution to include

\$300,000 in appropriations requests for the Jay Malina

International Trade Consortium's Trade Missions Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

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| Please 1 | note any items checked. |
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| | "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised |
| | 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing |
| | 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing |
| | Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budge |
| | Budget required |
| | Statement of fiscal impact required |
| | Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation |
| | Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing |
| | Housekeeping item (no policy decision required) |
| | No committee review |

| Approved | Mayor | Agenda Item No. | 11(A)(8) |
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| Veto Over | | 03-20-07 | |
| | RESOLUTION NO | | |

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 TO SUPPORT THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM'S (ITC) TRADE MISSIONS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) is the Miami-Dade County agency charged with promoting trade, and it has an established Trade Missions Program; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Customs District 52 handles 44% of all U.S. trade with Central and South America and the Caribbean, and was the only one of the top 25 Customs Districts in the nation to post a trade surplus in 2005 (US Census Bureau, 2005 Statistics); and

WHEREAS, expanding the ITC Trade Missions Program would create additional business opportunities for Miami-Dade County businesses, and would enhance Miami-Dade County's role as a critical gateway for international trade and commerce,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$300,000 to support the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium's (ITC) Trade Missions Program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

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Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation as set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon

being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Carlos A. Gimenez

Joe A. Martinez Dorrin D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Natacha Seijas

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney a to form and legal sufficiency.___

Eric A. Rodriguez